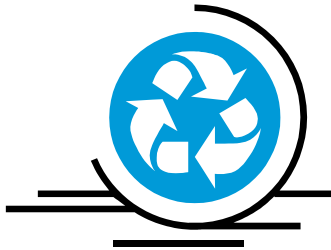


MAHONING COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2007 Recycling Initiatives Competitive Funding Project



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DIVISION INFORMATION

The Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District was formed in March 1989 through a resolution by the Board of County Commissioners, and in response to the mandates as set forth in H.B. 592. As per the Ohio Revised Code, revenues received through the solid waste tipping fee structure may be used for allowable expenses that include various educational and awareness activities. The Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District, under the authority of the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners, is pleased to offer this Recycling Initiatives opportunity. The grants must be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Please note, only projects that include a significant recycling or solid waste reduction activity will be eligible.

RECYCLING INITIATIVES – COMPETITIVE FUNDING PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Entities Eligible to Apply

The following entities may apply for a **Recycling Initiatives – Competitive Funding Grant**. Funding is very limited due to the amount of revenue available for this program.

1. Local Governmental Organizations: Includes metro parks, townships, villages, cities, and municipalities.
2. Schools: Public, private, parochial
3. Non-Profit Agencies: Agencies eligible can not possess a liquor license, and must demonstrate a benefit to all the residents of Mahoning County.

Please note: Organizations that received a 2006 RICF grant must have satisfactorily closed-out their grant by submitting the final report and all invoices – before making application for 2007 funding.

Funding Levels, Required Match, and Project Completion Timeline

Only proposals that clearly demonstrate a recycling and/or waste reduction activity will be considered for funding. Funding levels are between **\$500.00 and \$5,000.00**. A **20% CASH or IN-KIND MATCH must be included**. Thus, if an entity applies for \$2,000.00, they must provide a \$400.00 match making the total project \$2,400.00.

In-kind services include: labor, donated equipment, materials, and activities directly related to the project.

Projects must be completed by December 31, 2007, and implementation may occur anytime after approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Timeline: Applicants may complete and submit their application between January 2, 2007 through February 28, 2007. The District's Policy Committee will review applications and make formal award recommendations to the Board of Commissioners by April 1, 2007. Notification of awards, and passage by the Board of County

Commissioners, should occur by June 1, 2007. Thus, when drafting an application, applicants should consider beginning their project no sooner than June 1, 2007. **There will be no extensions given, thus funds must be expended by December 31, 2007.**

PROJECT CATEGORIES

Consideration for project funding will be according to the following hierarchy.

1. Funding is available for the implementation or expansion of **recycling programs**. This includes office paper and publication recovery; can/bottle collection events; temporary special collection events that include electronics, appliances, tires, and other materials.
2. Funding is available for the implementation or expansion of **reuse initiatives**. This includes performing a reuse project within a school or community; opening a “reuse” facility or “school reuse store”; having a large book exchange event; holding a reusable paint or electronics exchange event.
3. Funding is available for the implementation or expansion of **composting initiatives**. This includes schools performing “Don’t Bag It” promotional campaigns; community assistance with leaf collection; conducting a composting workshop or seminar; students assisting the elderly or physically challenged with composting their leaves.
4. Funding is available for the implementation of a **recycling and waste reduction awareness campaign**. This activity could focus on residential curbside or drop-off recycling, commercial and/or industrial waste reduction initiatives. Examples include a school or non-profit group conducting surveys or visiting companies to promote recycling, or a school performing abbreviated solid waste assessments with businesses. A “recycling fair or festival” conducted by a community, non-profit group, or school – would also qualify.
5. Funding is available for the **promotion of products made from recycled content materials** that are also environmentally friendly to our eco-system. *Simply applying to pave a parking lot with recycled content rubber will not be acceptable.* **The project must contain a recycling or reuse component.**

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Entities receiving grant funds must complete a final report due no later than February 15, 2008. Entities must retain all pertinent records, invoices, and other items. Entities must retain an audit trail and equipment inventory, if applicable, that must include name, model number, serial number, and other pertinent information.

DECISION ON FUNDING

The District's Policy Committee will review the applications and make a recommendation regarding which applications will be forwarded to the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners for final approval. Partial awards may occur, and it is anticipated that applicants seeking more modest amounts with an in-kind contribution exceeding the minimum, will be more likely to receive an award. **All projects must include a recycling or reuse initiative where actual weights will be submitted to the District in the final report.**

The Policy Committee will use the following criterion that coincides with the official Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District Plan Update, to judge the applications. Each application will be judged as to whether the project:

- develops and implements waste reduction, reuse and recovery systems as alternatives to landfill disposal,
- develops an integrated approach to solid waste management, meeting the needs of all municipalities and townships in the District.

Projects that are innovative, cost-effective, will reach a large audience, and will produce actual recycling and solid waste diversion – will be given top priority.

Example: A high school class wants to implement a can and bottle recycling drive during football games and other sporting events, and they will distribute information throughout the school and place posters about recycling in community businesses. In addition, they will contact businesses to determine whether they are recycling, and if not, will relay that information to the District. They will also conduct a survey to determine the recycling participation rate in various neighborhoods, and volunteer at their community recycling drop-off center.

The Division Director, under the authority of the Board of Commissioners, has the ability to closely review and question any grant recipient's project if the timeline or progress is not satisfactory, or if any part of the Agreement is being violated. The District will cancel a grant project if any violation of the Agreement occurs.

Please complete the application, and use additional sheets if necessary. Detailed explanations will assist the Policy Committee and Board of Commissioners in making a decision. **All applicants must submit EIGHT copies of the application, copied on two sides when applicable, and must be printed on recycled-content paper. Deadline for submission is 4:30 p.m. on February 28, 2007.**

Mail or hand-deliver eight copies of the application to:

**Jim Petuch, Director
Mahoning County Solid Waste District
South Side Annex
2801 Market St., Second Floor
Youngstown, Ohio 44507**

**DEADLINE for Submission: February 28, 2007 – 4:30 p.m. Do NOT fax
application.**
RECYCLING INITIATIVES – COMPETITIVE FUNDING PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM

Mahoning County Commissioners:
Commissioner David Ludt, Commissioner John McNally, and
Commissioner Anthony Traficanti, Chairperson

Jim Petuch, Director
Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District
Policy Committee Members: Commissioner Anthony Traficanti, Mayor Jay Williams,
Health Commissioner Matthew Stefanak, Trustee Harold Moore, Dr. Joseph Edwards,
Brian Mitchell, and Thomas Yanko.

Organization's Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Federal ID Number: _____

Type of Organization: _____

Grant Proposal is a: A. Recycling Initiative, B. Reuse Initiative, C. Composting Initiative, D. Education and Awareness Initiative, E. Promotion of Recycled Content Materials Initiative with a Recycling or Reuse Component. (Circle One or More)

Project Timeline: (regarding the expenditure of District grant funds, must commence after Board of Commissioner's approval and end by December 31, 2007). **No extensions.**
_____ TO _____

Project Coordinator: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Where will the project take place? _____

Complete Project Description: (Use separate sheet if needed)

Describe equipment or supplies that are needed for the project.

Explain the outcomes and/or benefits of the project for the organization and the entire Mahoning County community.

**Explain the promotional and/or educational campaign that will be associated with this project. Detail components of the campaign. (I.e. will do newspaper articles and ads on TV and radio stations, presentations to school classes and adult groups)
NOTE: This is essential in determining which projects will receive funding.**

Anticipated volume or weight of materials that will be diverted from the solid waste stream through this project. NOTE: This is also essential.

Material

LBS. or Cubic Yards

Total:

Organization's Name: _____

BUDGET DESCRIPTION

	<u>District Funds</u>	<u>Match Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Personnel</u>	_____.00	_____.00	_____.00
<u>Must be DIRECTLY related to the project. (Excludes Administrative Costs)</u>			
Explanation/Justification:			

Supplies (must be recycled-content, environmentally friendly, and directly related to the project)

_____.00	_____.00	_____.00
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List Each and Explain:

Equipment (includes recycling bins and other equipment directly related to the collection of recyclable materials, or for reuse ventures)

_____.00	_____.00	_____.00
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List Each and Explain:

Promotions/Education (ads, creating fliers, manuals, purchasing classroom recycling curriculum materials, making laminated signs, banners...)

_____.00	_____.00	_____.00
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Explanation:

Organization's Name: _____

Other: _____,00 _____,00 _____,00

List Each and Explain:

(Must be directly related to project's mission)

Note: Maximum District Amount: \$5,000.00

TOTAL: _____,00 _____,00 _____,00

Match must equal at least 20% of District requested amount. (i.e. \$3,000.00 District and \$600.00 match)

Further Budgetary Information:

In the space provided, please describe why this project is important to the organization, community, and residents of Mahoning County; and the anticipated short-term and long-term outcomes.

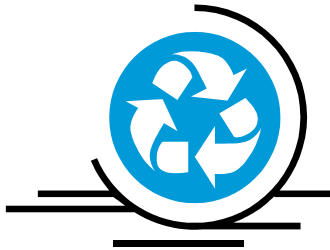
Will your organization accept partial funding? YES or NO

Due February 28, 2007 – Eight Copies on Recycled-Content Paper.

On behalf of the Mahoning County Commissioners and Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District's Policy Committee – **THANK YOU** for your submission.

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